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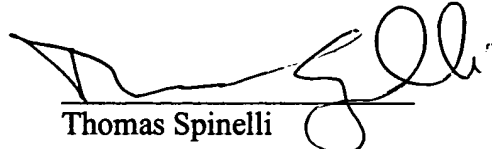
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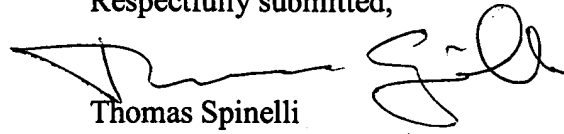
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10. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 11-271232, published October 5, 1999 together with an English language abstract; and
11. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2003-265463, published September 24, 2003 together with an English language abstract.

References 2 and 6-11 were cited in an International Search Report dated January 27, 2004. References 3-5 and 9 were cited in the specification. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of references 2 and 6-11 has been described in the Search Report.

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